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Governor Jan Brewer Announces Policy Advisor for Human Services

PHOENIX - Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today announced she has filled a position on her policy staff, naming Christina Estes-Werther as Policy Advisor for Human Services.

"Ms. Estes-Werther has a strong background in law, child development and family services, as well as critical legislative knowledge and experience," stated Brewer. "I am proud to add her to my staff, and I know her legal expertise and professional skills will serve my administration and the people of Arizona well."

Prior to joining the Brewer administration, Ms. Estes-Werther spent the last three years at the Arizona State Senate, as a Research Analyst and as Research Deputy Director. She worked on the Senate Judiciary Committee, providing research and analysis on proposed legislation in relation to the criminal code, election law and other judiciary issues. Her legal background includes work as a legal clerk and intern at the William E. Morris Institute for Justice, as well as work as a Rule 9 legal intern at University Legal Assistance in Spokane, Washington.

In addition to her legal and government work, Ms. Estes-Werther has served in a variety of human services positions. She spent six years working for Casa de Los Niños in Tucson, as a Family Support Specialist and Primary Careworker. Ms. Estes-Werther also worked at CIGNA Behavioral Health as an intake specialist and a Program Coordinator for Family Connections at Aid to Adoption of Special Kids, directing statewide support services to foster and adoptive families.

Ms. Estes-Werther graduated from the University of Arizona in Tucson with a bachelor's degree in Family Studies and Human Development in 2001. She obtained her juris doctorate from Gonzaga Law School in 2006.

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